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the river-sides were often the haunts of wild animals and also less healthful than the higher grounds, so that most of the towns are not close to the rivers, but always near a good spring, or in a place where water may be obtained without too much trouble. The early settlers found an excellent spring on the site of Bloemfontein to which they gave the name of a farmer, Jan Bloem; hence the name of the capital.

We learn that the population of the whole colony has nearly doubled since 1890 and that Bloemfontein has grown sevenfold in fourteen years. This little book is well adapted to stimulate an interest in home geography in colonial schools.

Dodge's Geography of Missouri. By J. M. Greenwood and C. F. Marbut. xii and 32 pp., numerous Maps, Illustrations, Diagrams, and Index. Rand, McNally & Company, Chicago, 1906.

A special text book for students in Missouri schools. Part I treats the surface features, climate, history, resources, occupations of the people, transportation, government, and education. Part 2 is given to the growth and development of the cities. The volume concludes with significant statistics. Photographs of characteristic features of Missouri are scattered through the book and an excellent small coloured map shows the distribution of mantle and bed rocks, soils, the production and value of various crops per square mile, the distribution of farm animals, etc.

The photograph of a relief model of the State, three inches square, is of little value and the larger map on a scale of 41 miles to an inch is poor. It conveys no clear idea of surface features, though it crudely attempts to do so. If it be asserted that the small coloured physical map on the following page meets all requirements, it may be replied that one of the needs of our geographical class rooms is maps that will give a true and good conception both of natural features and of the cultural aspects associated with them. The index increases, no doubt, the value of the book for reference purposes after school days are over.

Bermuda in Periodical Literature, with Occasional References to Other Works. A Bibliography by George Watson Cole. Printed for the Author, 1907.

This handsome book, beautifully printed by the Riverdale Press, C. A. W. Spencer, Brookline, Mass., is a reprint with considerable additions, of two series which have appeared in the Boston Book Company's quarterly periodical, *Bulletin of Bibliography*. Mr. Cole says in his preface (dated at Riverside, Conn.) that he has made a special effort to record, as completely as possible, the labours of the scientific writers—zoölogists, botanists and geologists—who have devoted themselves during the past fifty years to the study of Bermuda.

The number of titles in the book is 1,382, and the entries in the Index have been so arranged that the subject can be traced continuously back to the earliest article upon that topic.

Mexico and Her People of To-day. By Nevin O. Winter. vii and 405 pp., 2 maps, 48 illustrations. L. C. Page & Co., Boston, 1907.

The author says: "Vast mountains, including Popocatepetl and Ixtaccihuatl, the loftiest peaks on the American continent, are seen here amid scenes of tropical beauty and luxuriance." It is well known that several peaks in Alaska exceed